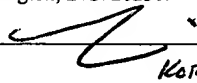




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner Marschel:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2001 in connection with the captioned application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on June 26, 2001. A Petition, with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c), extending the due date for three months from June 26, 2001 to September 26, 2001 accompanies this response. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks made herein.